

In The Claims:

B1 ^{sub} C1 (Twice Amended). An air mattress comprising:

a first inflatable compartment having a length and width, when inflated, sufficient to support a human body, said compartment having a top, a bottom, and sides, said first compartment being composed of at least two layers of vinyl, one layer of vinyl forming the top of the compartment and the second forming the bottom; and

a second inflatable compartment disposed on the top of the first inflatable compartment and secured thereto at least along a portion of the first inflatable compartment at a point spaced inwardly from the sides of said first inflatable compartment, said second compartment extending generally the length and width of the top of the first compartment, said second compartment being of a size, when inflated, sufficient to support a human body;

said second compartment being composed of at least two layers of vinyl distinct from the two layers of vinyl forming the first compartment; said second compartment being inflatable to give the top of the air mattress a soft, pillow-like appearance and feel,

wherein said first compartment and said second compartment are secured together adjacent a fluid communication channel connecting the first and second compartments.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice

~~Sub 3~~ 3(Amended). The air mattress as set forth in claim 1 wherein the bottom layer of the second compartment is secured to the top of the upper layer of the first compartment.

~~Sub 3a~~ 7(Amended). The air mattress as set forth in claim 6 wherein the ribs extend transversely across the second compartment, said second compartment having channels for flow of air around and through the ribs.

~~Sub C2~~ 24(Amended). An air mattress comprising:
a first inflatable compartment having sides with a length and a width and defining a periphery;
a second inflatable compartment extending generally the length and width of the periphery; and
a perimeter seal connecting said first inflatable compartment to said second inflatable compartment, wherein said perimeter seal is spaced inwardly from the periphery,
at least one additional seal connecting said first inflatable compartment to said second inflatable compartment,
wherein said additional seal includes a fluid communication channel between said first inflatable compartment and said second inflatable compartment.

Please cancel claim 25 without prejudice.

Please add new claims:

B5 SW C3 27(New). An air mattress comprising:

a first inflatable compartment having a top, a bottom, and sides, said first compartment being composed of at least two layers of material, one layer of material forming the top of the first compartment and the second layer of material forming the bottom of the first compartment;

a second inflatable compartment having a top and a bottom, the second compartment being composed of at least two layers of material, one layer of material forming the top of the second compartment, the second layer of material forming the bottom of the second compartment, the second compartment being positioned above the first compartment;

a perimeter seal connecting the top of the first compartment to the bottom of the second compartment, the perimeter seal being spaced inwardly from the sides of the first compartment;

a fluid communication channel providing fluid communication between the first compartment and the second compartment;

a plurality of seal portions in the second compartment, the seal portions joining the top of the second compartment to the bottom of the second compartment in a manner such that air within the second compartment may flow around each of the seal portions.